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SUBJECT: KOREA IN 29TH UNGA: FRENCH AMENDMENT

1. ACCORDING TO KOREANS, QUAI DIRECTOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS PUAUX TOLD KOREAN AMBASSADOR AT LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 15 THAT FRANCE'S EC-NINE PARTNERS BASICALLY SUPPORTED THE FRENCH AMENDMENT TO THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION CALLING SPECIFICALLY FOR DISSOLUTION OF THE UNC. HOWEVER, KOREAN PROBLEM WAS NOT DISCUSSED BY EC-NINE EXPERTS UNTIL AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 15 AND THE RESPONSE OF FRANCE'S PARTNERS WAS FAR FROM BEING AS FAVORABLE AS DESCRIBED BY PUAUX. DISCUSSION WAS INHIBITED BY FACT THAT MOST OF THE PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING GERMANS, HAD NOT SEEN TEXT OF FRENCH AMENDMENT. GERMANS AND OTHERS, NONETHELESS, EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT FRENCH WORDING. UK REPRESENTATIVE ARGUED VIGOROUSLY AGAINST THE AMENDMENT. ONE PARTICIPANT NOTED THAT UK STRONG PERFORMANCE WAS PERHAPS DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO BRING AROUND THOSE PARTICIPANTS SUCH AS IRELAND WHO HAD BEEN RELUCTANT TO SUPPORT THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. UK REPS HERE BELIEVE IT WILL BE WORTHWHILE FOR THE LONG TERM TO EXPLORE NOW THE POSSIBILITY OF A TEXT WHICH

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CAN HAVE FULL EC-NINE SUPPORT (INCLUDING THAT OF FRANCE) EVEN THOUGH OUR CALCULATION MAY SHOW THAT

WE SHALL HAVE A COMFORTABLE MARGIN OF FAVORABLE VOTES
WITHOUT SUCH SUPPORT.

2. QUAI DIRECTOR FOR ASIA, FROMENT-MEURICE, COUNTED
AMONG THE VIRTUES OF THE FRENCH AMENDMENT THE ATTRAC-
TION OF MORE VOTES, BUT THEN UNDERMINED HIS OWN CASE BY
SAYING THAT BY FRENCH CALCULATIONS, THE FRIENDLY
RESOLUTION WOULD PASS BY A COMFORTABLE MARGIN OF 12
VOTES. (OTHER PARTICIPANTS WERE LESS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT
THE VOTING MARGIN.)

3. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH KOREANS, FRENCH HAVE SAID
THAT THEY HAVE HAD NO SUCCESS IN GETTING PRC OR OTHER
SUPPORTERS OF THE UNFRIENDLY RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER
THEIR AMENDMENT AS LEADING TOWARD A COMPROMISE
RESOLUTION WHICH COULD BE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

4. WE PRESUME EMBASSY LONDON WILL HAVE A MORE COMPLETE
REPORT PARTICULARLY ON THIS ASPECT OF THE EC-NINE
ASIAN EXPERTS MEETING.

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